

Date: April 28, 2005

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

After an extensive recruitment effort, John Appelbaum has been appointed to the position of Enforcement Chief. John is a Deputy Attorney General who has worked extensively in the Health, Education and Welfare, and Correctional Law Sections of the AG's office, and who currently serves in the Civil Rights Enforcement Section. A graduate with honors from the George Washington University School of Law, John has extensive civil experience. John will begin with the Commission on May 23rd.

Steve Russo will transfer to the Legal Division to coordinate the tribal litigation, and to lend his enforcement expertise. Steve's talents as a litigator, editor and writer have served the Commission well as he strengthened the enforcement division's work product and prosecuted important cases such as the tribal litigation. He was instrumental in helping to design and implement the streamlined programs that now generate a large share of our annual fine revenues. For these and all of Steve's other contributions to the Commission's mission, we thank him, and count ourselves fortunate that his experience will not be lost.

Two longtime employees of the Commission will return to us in early May. Accounting Specialist Bob Perna, who worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles for the past several years, returns to the Enforcement Division, and Political Reform Consultant Tara Stock, who spent time working for both the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and the Public Employees Retirement System, will return to the Technical Assistance Division. Bob and Tara represent two of the fine traditions of FPPC employees—both are knowledgeable in the PRA, and dedicated to public service—we're extremely happy to have them back.

The budget subcommittees of both houses have approved the Commission's budget at the level proposed by the Governor (\$95,000 reduction). No further reduction is anticipated for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division's Cynthia Jones conducted a local candidate workshop in San Jose, Jeanette Turvill participated in a local candidate panel presentation sponsored by Assembly Member Todd Spitzer, Adrienne Korchmaros spoke at the Municipal Treasurers Association meeting, and Division Chief Carla Wardlow spoke at a lobbyist ethics seminar.

Enforcement Chief Steve Russo attended a public corruption seminar in San Diego sponsored by the California District Attorneys Association.

General Counsel Luisa Menchaca will attend a meeting of the California General Counsels Association at McGeorge School of Law on May 20th.

C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

There were none.

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

The following state candidate committees were granted extensions:

Neighbors for Rogers (951897) Request for extension granted for a period of six months.

Dave Brown for Assembly (1236847) Request for extension granted until July 1, 2005.